



SWIMMING NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Tracy Village Function Room Tambling Terrace LYONS

MINUTES: 16 FEBRUARY 2019

Attendees

SNTI President/Director Kathleen Rochford, SNTI Directors Ursula Sulatycki-Holloway, Melanie Lei, Michele Oliphant, Justin Martyn, Executive Officer John Mitchell and minute taker Lee-Ann Reader

Emily Knott (Alice Springs), Jacinta Stirrat (Casuarina), Adrian Tonkin (Darwin), Daniel Gerlach (Palmerston), Vola Rosa (Nhulunbuy), Megan Lawton (Nightcliff) and Rose Gerlach (Life Member).

Apologies:

Paul Carter (Life Member), Marg Chamberlain (Director)

Observers and Visitors:

Debbie Halprin and Shane McCorkell (NTG Dept of Tourism, Sport & Culture), Mitch Pomfret (Alice Springs), George Koulakis (Nightcliff), Sarah Chalmers (Nhulunbuy), Rosie Selvey (Casuarina), Robyn On (Casuarina) and Paul Rousham & Donna Rousham (Masters)

Meeting Opened: 10.10am

Chair: Kathleen Rochford declared the Special General meeting open
Acknowledgement of the Government Representatives, Board Members, Club Members
Acknowledgement of Elders and Country of the Larrakeyah People

Delegates and Proxies

Alice Spring Swimming Club - Emily Knott

Nhulunbuy Swimming Club - Vola Rosa

Darwin Swimming Club - Adrian Tonkin

Casuarina Swimming Club - Jacinta Stirrat

Palmerston Swimming Club - Daniel Gerlach

Nightcliff Swimming Club - Megan Lawton

Executive Officer received email from Katherine swimming club who nominated Rose Gerlach as their Proxy

Chair declared a quorum is present

Tabled

Agenda was not attached to notification of AGM

All Clubs were notified by email with Notice of the Annual General Meeting and with Notice of the Special General meeting. Details of the AGM and SGM were also displayed on SNTI Website and advertised in NT News.



After receiving a query from Licensing, Executive Officer and President were told that the Department Licensing were satisfied that the notifications for SNTI SGM and AGM were compliant.

Delegates Accepted the SGM and AGM timeline

Acceptance of Minutes

Acceptance of the SGM Minutes 3 April 2018. The chair announced that there were 2 delegates present at the previous SGM.

5 accepted and 2 against

Resolution 2:

Implement the recommendations of the Forensic Report including the appointment of Independent SNTI President.

Resolution 2 discussed prior to Resolution 1 as Constitution changes (Resolution 1) are needed to implement Resolution 2

On the 29 October 2018 a meeting was held inviting Presidents of Clubs with the opportunity to read the complete Forensic Audit of Swimming NT Incorporated. The report is dated 29 October 2018 and was written by Lowrys.

The Chair read the 4 recommendations arising from the Forensic Audit Report.

1	8.2	SNTI undertake a stocktake of all apparent current entitlements takes place as soon as possible
2	8.4	SNTI to pursue the recovery action with respect to the overpayment of Mr. Wilson's salary
3	8.11	That the Association develop a formal Accounting Policy and Procedures Manual to be adhered to and to provide documented advice to staff and committee members on responsibilities and obligations
4	8.13	That the Board appoint one or two independent members (as allowed by the Constitution)

Dispute arose by the rest of the board and member clubs as to the 4 recommendations not being the same as the resolutions listed on the Notice of Special General meetings emailed to clubs.

A full report was unable to be provided to club members due to possible privacy breaches, therefore a carefully constructed letter was sent out to club members providing them with the information needed to make informed decisions.

Vote to Move: Nightcliff

Acceptance of the Forensic Report (including the appointment of an independent SNTI President) as recommended in the report given to Clubs in its entirety.

Motion:

6 For 1 Against

Acceptance by show of hands of Resolution 2

Resolution 1.

Replace the current SNTI's constitution (3rd April 2018) with the amended Constitution as tabled (Amended Constitution providing all amendments attached)

Changes proposed to the constitution needed to accept Lowrys recommendations in Forensic Report

Principal Changes of the Constitution include:

- Word Independent Members (who do not have to be a financial member of a Club)
- Swimming Australia recently changed constitution to allow board members to elect chair
- Provide funding for an Independent Chair
- Changes to committees election from AGM to Board responsibility

Palmerston Swimming Club wanted security and to make sure that clubs Vote for Board and Operational Committees. Concern for an Independent Chair as clubs cannot vote. Changes in the Constitution means Board elects President. Discussion on previous members of the board taking away club committee rights and Palmerston does not want this to happen again. Clubs want to ensure that they have the rights back

SNTI EO made several attempts to seek advice from clubs regarding changes in the Constitution Votes in the form of a meeting. Only had 1 club responded.

Move Nightcliff: All in favour of the track changes to the Constitution

5 For 2 Against

Motion Passed by show of hands



**Resolution 3.
Form a recruitment and selection committee to attract an Independent SNTI
President**

No formation decided. Member clubs to advise.

Motion: Form a recruitment and selection committee to attract an Independent SNTI
President.

7 Clubs Accept by show of hands.

Meeting Close 11.30am